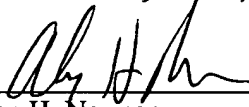




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1. Transmittal Of Information Disclosure Statement Within Three Months Of Filing Or Before Mailing Of First Office Action (37 CFR § 1.97(b))
2. Information Disclosure Statement -- PTO-1449 (Modified) with four references.

During prosecution of a foreign patent application owned by the assignee of the present application (the "Assignee") and related to soft-tissue enlargement, the foreign patent office cited Ukraine Patent No. SU 1319853 (the "Ukraine Patent"), dated June 30, 1987. The foreign patent office provided no English language translation of the Ukraine Patent. Applicant, Assignee and counsel have not ordered or otherwise obtained an English language translation of the Ukraine Patent. Thus, the only relevance of the Ukraine Patent known to Applicant, Assignee and counsel is that such patent was cited by the foreign patent office against an application related to soft-tissue enlargement.

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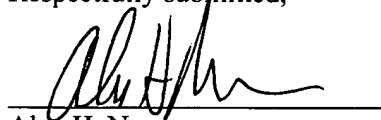
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It is believed that no fee is due. However, if this is in correct, you are hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any excess thereto to Deposit Account No. 18-1829. A duplicate copy of this Letter is enclosed for that purpose.

Please file said Information Disclosure Statement.

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